

USU receives 3.3 million in federal funding

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The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) will receive more than \$3.3 million in federal funding.

Maryland Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski announced the funding for the programs at USU in front of numerous faculty, staff and students during her visit to the university Thursday.



Photo by JO3 Kory Kepner
Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski announces that she has secured more than 3.3 million in federal funding for programs at USU as Charles L. Rice, M.D., university president, looks on.

“It is so important to highlight the unique work being done at USU because they demonstrate every day that a stronger America begins at home,” Senator Mikulski said. “(They’re) providing cutting edge medical research with unique training for military doctors and nurses and programs to bring together military and civilian first-responders to protect our troops on the battlefield and save lives here at home.”

One million dollars of the funding will go to support the USU Centers and Activities in Response to Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents to coordinate and manage a distance learning program for uniformed and civilian medical students and first responders. These

programs will help responders in the event of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear or high explosive events.

The remaining \$2.3 million of funding will benefit the university's Graduate School of Nursing new Doctoral and Clinical Nurse Specialist Programs. The new programs will allow USU to provide specialized training for advanced practice nurses and nurse scientists to meet unique military medical challenges.

"My innovation tour is about identifying the work being done in Maryland to support a safer, stronger, smarter American military," Senator Mikulski said. "Together we are developing the tools to protect America and Maryland. I will continue to fight to make sure we are making the right investments to develop the new ideas that will protect us."

The senator's visit was the seventh stop on a tour in which she is visiting several military facilities throughout the state to address military-related issues.